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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment dated February 14, 2003 was received by Applicant. The reason for the Notice is not understood. In the Notice, paragraph 1 refers to an Office letter mailed on April 19, 2002. The Period for Reply is stated as set to expire 3 months from the mailing date of the communication. A reply was sent by Applicant on May 31, 2002 which was received by June 12, 2002 by the USPTO. Thus the reply was sent and received well within the 3-month period.

If this is correct, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn

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Respectfully submitted,

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